

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Of pending claims 25, 27, 29-32, 38-44, 46, and 65-85, claims 25, 27, 29-32, 38-40 and 65-85 were allowed. In addition, claims 43-44 were objected to. Applicants appreciate allowance of such claims. The remaining claims 41, 42 and 46, were rejected. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 41, 42, and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reimels, et al. 6,022,360. Claims 41, 42, and 46 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Diduch, et al. 2002/0147456.


Claim 41 has been amended to incorporate dependent claims 42-43. Since claim 43 was objected to and considered allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants believe claim 41 is now allowable. Claim 42 has been canceled due to incorporation into claim 41. Claim 46 has been canceled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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